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Michael Culler House
Jefferson vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850

The Michael Culler House is a two-story brick Greek Revival house built about 1850 with one surviving stone outbuilding, a meat house. The house is a good example of the Greek Revival style and contains pedimented door and window lintels and paneled mantelpieces typical of the Greek Revival style. It retains a corbeled cornice and central hall plan, typical of early 19th century vernacular houses. Once the center of a working farm, the Culler House and the meat house are located at the edge of an office park built on the former farm property.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/ residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes x no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Michael Culler House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4014 Mountville Road not for publicationcity, town Jefferson X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Ingram & Sons, Inc.

street & number 4014 Mountville Road telephone no.:

city, town Jefferson state and zip code Md. 21755

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1017

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 733

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Michael Culler House is a two-story brick dwelling house built about 1850 with a stone meat house of about the same period located on the south side of Maryland Route 340 off Mountville Road near Jefferson, Frederick County, Maryland. The house and outbuilding are screened by trees from the highway and from an office park which has developed on the west side of the original farm property at the east side of Mountville Road. The entrance to the residential group is through the paved area around the office park buildings, at the east end of which a gravel circular drive continues to the house. Its principal elevation faces west toward the drive.

The house has a five-bay main elevation on the west with a one-story porch supported by Tuscan order columns. The walls are 5:1 American bond and the window and door openings have molded lintels with bull's-eye corner blocks. The sash is 6/6. The central doorway has an 8-light rectangular transom and sidelights. The door has 5 panels. In the center bay on the second story is a three-part window. The cornice is corbeled brick and the roof is covered with corrugated metal, probably concealing original wood shingles. The chimneys are located on the interior of the gable ends. The north and south elevations have one window bay each, in which the lintels are plain. The house has a rear two-story brick ell also of 5:1 American bond and with a corbeled cornice. The lintels of the window openings are plain and the roof is also corrugated metal. According to Mrs. James Ingram, the current owner, the rear ell was built about 1754, as evidenced by a dated brick found in the interior. The exterior appearance of the ell so closely matches the character and construction qualities of the main section that this date may be questioned. She also cited 1862 as the date of the main section; however, its interior details suggest the Greek Revival period at its peak, about 1840-60. The corbeled brick cornice is a surviving feature of early 19th century construction.

The interior plan of the Culler House is a central hall with staircase flanked by two parlors on either side. The rear ell adjoins the house at the northeast corner and access to it is via a door in the north parlor. The interior has been much altered in the past 20 years or so by the current owner. Details which are intact are the two mantels in the parlors which have simple recessed panels and flanking unfluted columns and the pedimented overdoor panel with ears and the pediment lintels and paneled bases on the windows in the south parlor. Molded chair rails are present in the main section rooms. The ceilings were lowered by a previous owner and hardwood floors and linoleum tile cover the original wide board floors which are still in place. The staircase has a simple scroll closer detail. The main room in the ell has been the most altered of the main floor rooms. It has a replaced corner stairway, occupying the location of an original enclosed winder stair and built-in cupboards. The modern kitchen occupies the rear or east end of the ell. The original cooking fireplace is still visible but not in use. The ell interior was remodeled in 1971. The south elevation of the ell had an open porch which was enclosed with asphalt shingle siding in 1953. (Continued on page 7.1)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400-1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500-1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/
___ 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1840

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ___ A ___ B ☒ C ___ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Level of Significance: ___ national ___ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Michael Culler House is a good example of a Greek Revival vernacular house built about 1850. Its exterior details are mostly intact and are typical: a five-bay, center entry plan with a three-part window on the second floor. The interior has original overdoor panels, window lintels, and mantelpieces with the characteristic pediments, ears, simple moldings, and columns of the Greek Revival style. Once the center of a working farm, the only remaining outbuilding is a stone meat house of about the same date as the house.

The Culler House type and details are fairly common in Frederick County. Many similar examples were found in the Walkersville planning region and it is expected that more of the same style and period of construction will be located in the Brunswick, Adamstown, Urbana, Frederick, and New Market regions. The five-bay brick house is an outgrowth of the symmetrical English settlers houses based on Georgian Colonial designs which proliferated in the southern part of Frederick County in the early 19th century. As German settlers became more prosperous later in the century, they also began building the five-bay type as a standard.

Michael Culler inherited the farm from his father Henry Culler in 1861, but he was residing there prior to the will's date of probate. His name appears on the 1858 Isaac Bond map of Frederick County and also on the 1873 C. O. Titus Atlas map. The farm was described as "the Flook Farm" in the will, a reference to Jacob Flook, the owner from 1824 to 1847. The earliest identified owner was George Ramsburg, for whom the property was surveyed in 1792. The 1754 date mentioned by Mrs. Ingram may be evidence of an earlier house on the site which was replaced by Culler. The Culler family was one of the oldest families in the Jefferson area and owned much property surrounding Jefferson. Descendants of the Culler family owned the farm until 1911.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-50

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Ingram, Mrs. James, personal interview, Sept. 3, 1991
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873 (Continued on page 9.1)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre
Quadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 1 acre centered on the dwelling house.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor
organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September 1991
street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958
city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 Description (Continued)

The meat house, located about 50 feet southeast of the house, is a square plan stone structure with a gable roof covered with corrugated metal. The gables are vertical tongue-and-groove siding. The single entrance door has wide vertical boards and is located in the west elevation.

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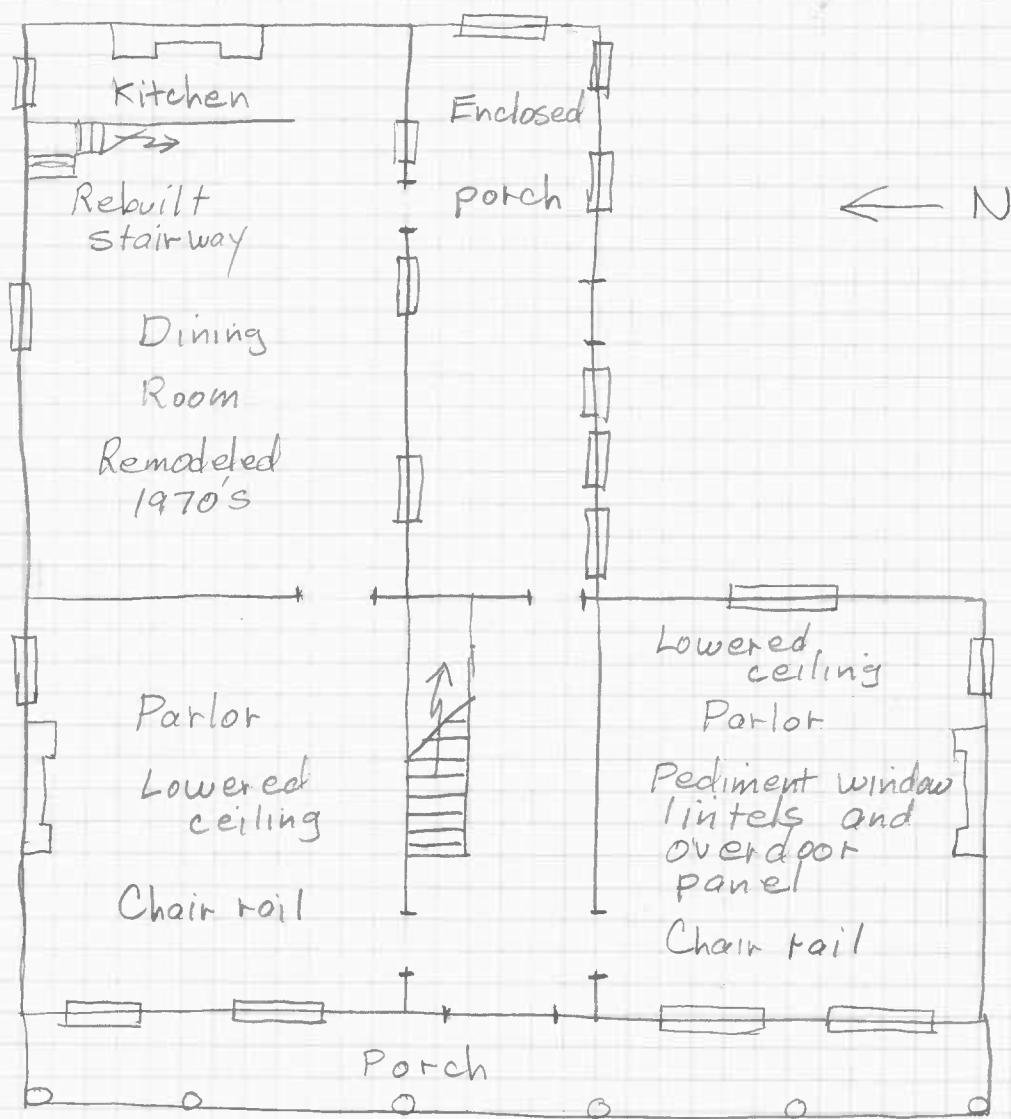
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Williams, T.J.C. and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 1910,
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LIBER/FOL. }	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
4014? Mounted 184 F 228 #23 1017/733 10 May 77	J. Ingram & Sons Inc.	James L. & Ruth Ingram	52.60 A		
482/394 16 Feb 50	James L. Ingram & Ruth Stockman Ingram	David P. Stockman & Clara B. Stockman inf.	252 A.		
338/208 11 May 26	Clara B. & David R. Stockman	Howard M. & Emma C. Huffer	252 A.		
352/573 6 May 25	Howard M. Huffer	Arthur D. Willard, trustee for sale under mortgage default.	252 A.	#16, 128	See also HWB 298/88 18 Aug. 1911
HWB 298/88 18 Aug. 1911	Daniel C. & Lydia C. Grove	Mollie C. Buxton & J. Vernon Buxton, husl. (Mollie Buxton formerly Mollie Culler)	"Flook Farm" 209 1/2 A.		
Will. Record APK 1/31	Michael Culler son of Henry	Henry Culler.	Will date 5 Mar. 1859 Probated 6 Feb. 1861 "Flook Farm" on which he resides 209 1/2 A.		
DHH 1/114 7 Jan 1898	Mollie E. Culler daughter of Michael	Michael Culler.	209 1/2 A.		
from FCHS IS 24/500 - 91 Mar 1876	"Flook" next heirs) Jacob Flook	John Culler's heirs			
WBT 6/326 1847	Daniel Castle	Jacob Flook	see also WBT 6/480		

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
JS 24/500 29 Mar 1826	Jacob Flook	Henry Cullen, trustee for John Keller, dec.	209 1/2 A. sold to Flook on 17 Jan 1824	\$7,524	
WR 39/280 21 Mar 1811 (Apr 12 1811)	John Keller	Sebastian Ramsdough	parts of 3 tracts: "Diffidence" "Resurvey on Well" "Invention" "Fielders" 209 1/2 A.	\$10,475	
WR 37/308 8 May 1810	Sebastian Ramsdough Ramsberg (son of George)	George Ramsberg	"Parts of" "Diffidence" granted to George Ramsberg 12 Nov 1792. Resurvey.... & Fielders as above	\$980 F	
			mentions Brielle Rd. (now Mountville Rd.) 209 1/2 A.		



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Janet Davis

September 3, 1991

Not to Scale

Scale 1

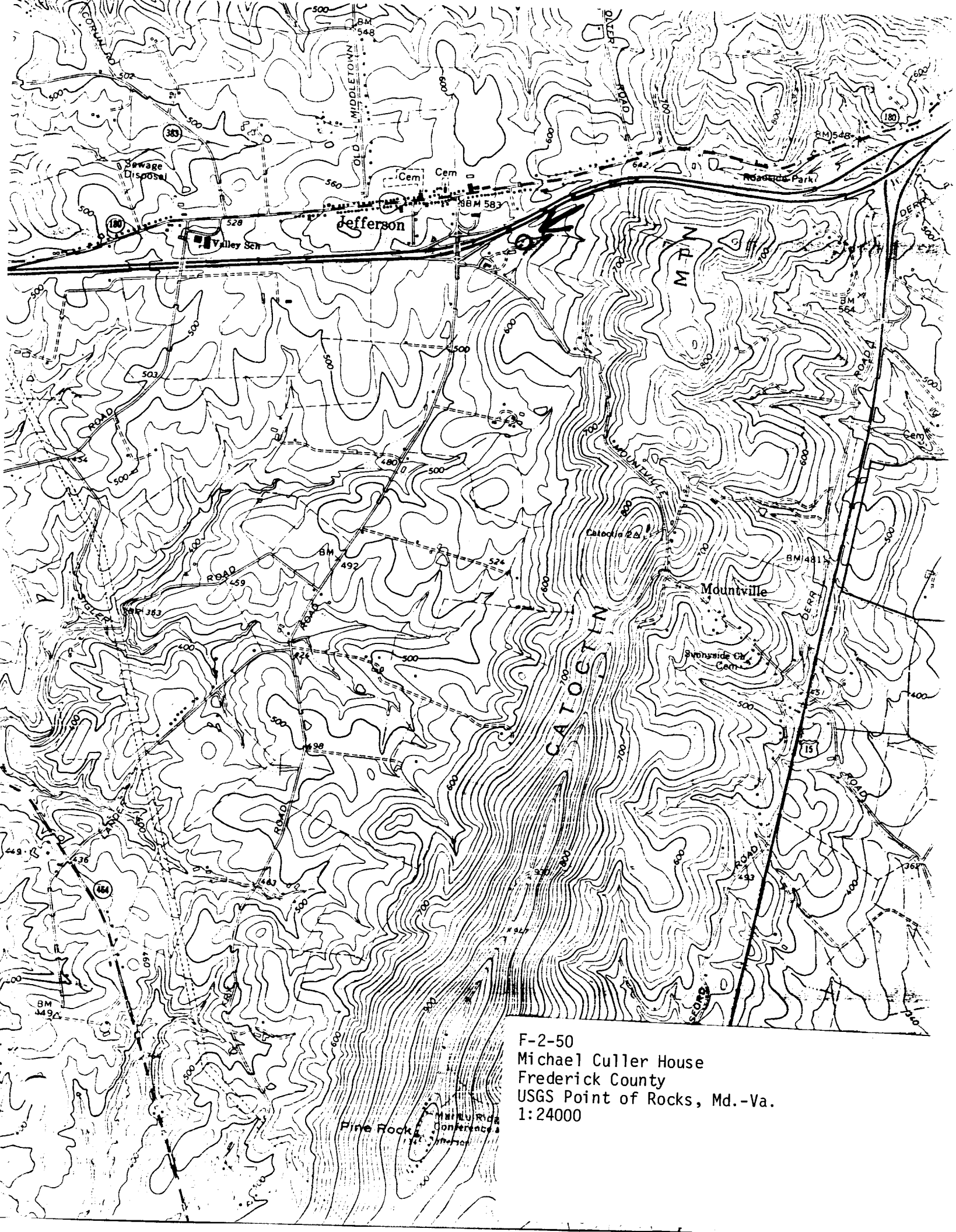
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